



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

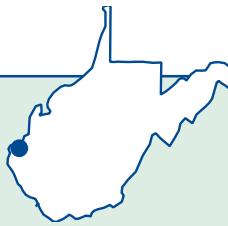
Huntington, WV

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Huntington was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located along the Ohio River in western West Virginia, Huntington (population 49,007) was founded in 1871 as the western terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. With the city's economy centered on the coal and chemical industries, Huntington's population grew to nearly 100,000 by the 1950s. As the coal industry declined, the city lost much of its industrial base. The loss of industry and population has left Huntington with many vacant and underused properties. Today, Huntington is a federally designated Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community facing challenges from years of high unemployment and poverty rates and low income levels. The number of city residents living below the poverty level is 24.7



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Huntington for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize brownfields. Grant funds also will be used to conduct up to 24 Phase I and up to five Phase II environmental site assessments and to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: City of Huntington, WV
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percent, twice the national average, and the median household income is 55 percent of the national median. Assessment of brownfields is expected to provide the city with information to help expedite the redevelopment of these sites.